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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 31824 |
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| Larry M. Conrad, et al. | : | Confirmation Number: 1698 |
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| For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR | : | |
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| GRANULES AROUND A | : | |
| PLANTED SEED | : | |

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.



No additional fee is required.



Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27



Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Total Claims | 22 | 22 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3 | 0 | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total of Above Calculations | | | | | \$0.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502203 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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